GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works of CC roads, taken up under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 executed by the PRI Division, Vizianagaram - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 517 **Dated: 26-05-2016**
Read:

1. Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.59 (C.No.481-3/V&E/E2/20132), Dt.25.08.2015.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(PR)

To
Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram, **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad(with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government.)
SF/SC.

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Annexure – I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram

Charge-1

That Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram has involved in allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Construction of CC road with CC drains in SC locality at Kallepallirega (V) of L.Kota (M) with an estimate cost of Rs.6,25 lakhs and loss caused to Government to a tune of Rs.1,89,461/-.

By his above mentioned act, Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram.

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department vide their report No.59 (C.No.481-3/V&E/E2/2013), dt.25-08-2015 has verified the works of Cement Concrete Roads taken up under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram Districts executed by the PRI Sub-Division, S.Kota, Vizianagaram District for the work Construction of CC road and drains in SC locality at Kallepallirega (V) of L.Kota (M) with an estimate cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs"

The work was administratively approved vide Rc.No.8664/2011, dt.26-03-2013 and technically sanctioned vide DR No.77/2012-13, dt.28-03-2013 for Rs.6.25 lakhs to the PRI Sub-Division, S.Kota under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

1. The CC Pavement executed with M30 grade concrete has failed to achieve the required Strength and hence, the entire CC Pavement of length of 82.50m in Main road is to be rejected. The loss caused to the Government exchequer due to rejection of CC Pavement is Rs.l,48,189/- and recovery of the same amount is proposed from the executing agency towards the rejected category of work.

2. Sand filling underneath the CC Pavement was executed with deficiency in thickness and an amount of Rs.26,898/- is proposed as recovery from the executing agency.

3. CC Pavement to a length of 9.20 mt was executed for private purpose and caused loss of Rs.14,374/- to the Government and is to be recovered from the executing agency.

4. The field officers have not conducted any QC tests before and after execution of the work to ascertain the Strength of the CC Pavement executed with M30 grade.

5. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Vizianagaram has not check measured and obtained the Compressive Strength results of the CC Pavement before making payment.

Recovery proposed

Name & Designation	Name of the work	Item proposed for recovery	Recovery Amount (Rs.)
Sri M.Arjuna Appa Rao, AEE	Construction of CC road and drains in SC locality at Kallepallirega (V) of L.Kota (M) with an estimate cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs.	i. Strength of CC Pavement with M30 Grade (Rejected layer amount)	1,48,189
		ii. Wasteful expenditure	14,374
		iii. Sand filling under CC pavement of main road and VIth bit.	26,898
		Total	1,89,461

The individual has deviated the office procedure for his personal gain and allowed the following:-

i. Executed CC pavement with inferior quality in work Construction of CC road and drains in SC locality at Kallepallirega (V) of L.Kota (M) with an estimate cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs

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ii. Executed and recorded 9.20 mts of CC Pavement, taken up in private land and caused loss of Rs.14,374/- to the Government exchequer.

By his above mentioned act, Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charges framed against Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram are proposed to be sustained.

Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.59 (C.No.481-3/V&E/E2/20132), Dt.25.08.2015.

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges framed against Sri M.Arjun Appa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vizianagaram are proposed to be sustained.

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